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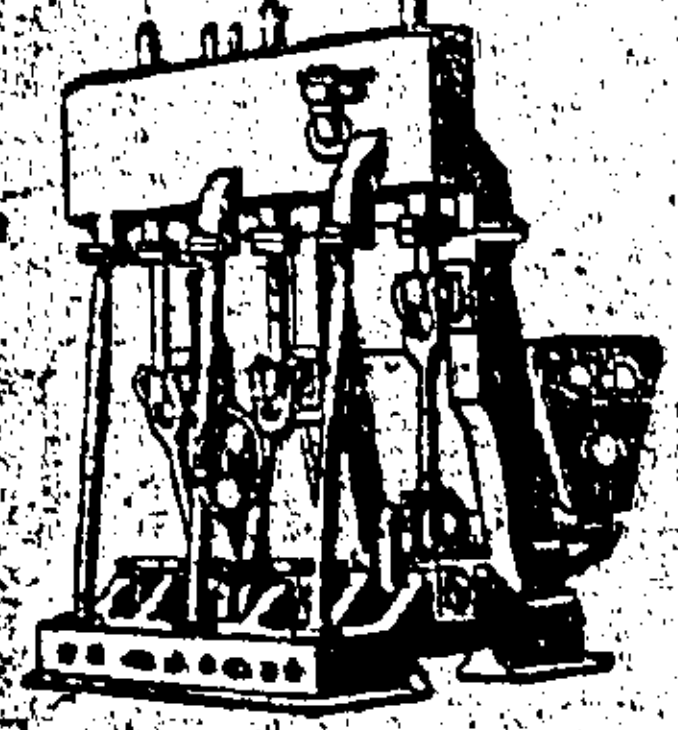
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AUSTRIA SIGNS ARMISTICE.

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AUSTRIAN ARMISTICE SIGNED.

COMES INTO OPERATION THIS AFTERNOON.

London, Nov. 3.

The Press Bureau announces: Mr. Lloyd George has telephoned to Downing Street from Paris that news has arrived that Austria-Hungary, the last of Germany's props, has gone out of the war. General Diaz signed the armistice on Sunday afternoon. It comes into operation at three o'clock on Monday.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

ITALIANS ADVANCE FURTHER. NUMEROUS PRISONERS AND GUNS.

London, Nov. 3.

An Italian official report states:—The First Army entered into action yesterday, and captured Mounts Majo and Cimone. The Sixth Army continues to advance on the Asiago Plateau, capturing numerous guns and prisoners. There was lively rearguard fighting in the Sugana and Cison valleys. The cavalry, fighting, reached the right bank of the Tagliamento. The number of prisoners and booty is increasing.

BRITISH WELL EAST OF THE LIVENZA.

15,000 PRISONERS CAPTURED BY ONE ARMY.

London, Nov. 3.

A British official report from the Italian Front states:—We are well to the east of the Livenza river. The prisoners captured by the Tenth Army exceed 15,000 and the guns 150, of which 10,000 and over 100 guns were captured by the Fourteenth British Corps. In the operations on the Asiago Plateau the 48th Division took 200 prisoners.

CONTRADICTORY NEWS FROM AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

TROOPS CLAMOURING FOR PEACE.

London, Nov. 3.

News from Vienna and Budapest continues vague and contradictory. Despatches from Budapest via Amsterdam describe the soldiers as acclaiming the new National Government, whereas reports from Copenhagen state that communication between Berlin and Budapest is cut. The last advices reported bloody street fighting between Hungarian and Bosnian troops. Apparently the troops of both capitals are clamouring for peace and now the Governments are trying to settle them. Thus the German-Austrian Council at Vienna issued a proclamation to the garrison and also to the soldiers at the front promising an immediate conclusion of peace and a speedy demobilisation, and urging them to refrain from excesses. Representatives of the Council visited the barracks to negotiate with the soldiers regarding the formation of a REGENCY ESTABLISHED IN BUDAPEST.

London, Nov. 3.

A message from Berlin says that the Council of the Regency has taken charge of affairs in Budapest. The German-Austrian Council has an army of 40,000

AUSTRIAN DREAD-NOUGHT DESTROYED.

WORK OF TWO ITALIAN NAVAL OFFICERS.

Vienna, Nov. 3.

Two Italian Naval officers entered the Pola roadstead at night, mined and blew up the Austrian Dread-nought Viribus Unitus. Most of the crew were saved. There is no explanation as to how the mine was carried out.

LATER.

According to a later telegram from Vienna a mine was placed alongside the hull.

Rome, Nov. 3.

An official account states that it was Engineer-Commander Rosetti and Surgeon-Lieutenant Faroleschi who destroyed the Viribus Unitus. It is believed both were taken prisoner.

KAISER'S DECREE ON POLITICAL CHANGES.

STRUGGLE BETWEEN INHERITED AUTHORITY AND ASPIRING FORCES.

KAISER'S RIGHTS TRANSFERRED TO PEOPLE.

Amsterdam, Nov. 3.

On the occasion of the Constitutional developments coming into force, the Kaiser has issued a decree endorsing the decisions of the Reichstag, and avowing his determination to co-operate in their full development.

LATER.

The text of the Kaiser's decree which is addressed to Prince Max of Baden, the Chancellor, is as follows:—

"Your Grand Ducal Highness, I return herewith for immediate publication the Bill to amend the Imperial Constitution and the law of March 17th, 1879, relating to the representation of the Imperial Chancellor which was submitted to me for signature."

"On the occasion of a step so momentous for the future history of the German people, I desire to express my feelings."

"Prepared by a series of Government acts, the new order now comes into force, transferring the fundamental rights of the Kaiser's person to the people. Thus ends a period which will stand in honour before the eyes of future generations. Despite all the struggles between inherited authority and aspiring forces, it has rendered possible to our people that tremendous development which has imperceptibly revealed itself in the wonderful achievements of this war. In the terrible storms of the four years of war, however, old forms have been broken up, not to leave their ruins behind but to make room for new and vital forms. After the achievements of these times the German people can claim that they have a right to demand that which may guarantee a free and happy future shall not be withheld from them. The proposals of the Allied Governments, now adopted and extended, owe their origin to this conviction. I, however, with my exalted Allies, endorse these decisions of Parliament in the firm determination as to the future of the German people. The Kaiser's office is now of service to the people. May, therefore, the new order release all the good power which our people must be able to exert to support the task entrusted to the Empire and to the German people. I am, therefore, from this day, withdrawing from the throne of the German people."

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THE WAR.

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SUNDAY'S TELEGRAMS.

SITUATION IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

A REPUBLIC DEMANDS.

DEMONSTRATION IN VIENNA.

INSURGENT TROOPS WITH MACHINE-GUNS.

BERNE, Nov. 1.

A semi-official message from Berlin states that the troubles in Vienna and Budapest broke out simultaneously. The insurgent troops in Budapest are well-supplied with machine-guns and munitions. They hold one of the stations and are acting under the orders of the Hungarian National Assembly.

The outbreak was apparently provoked by the attempt of Archduke Eugene to establish a military dictatorship. The arrest of two young officers precipitated the revolt. One was released by order of the Crown. The other was taken to the Headquarters of the Military Governor, which were immediately besieged.

The centries, instead of resisting, took their places at the head of the demonstrators, who then stormed the military prison and released the prisoners.

Events in Vienna are more peaceable. A procession of thousands of soldiers and officers, acclaiming a Republic, paraded in front of the Parliament and surrounded the War Office. There were no disorders.

COUNCIL OF SOLDIERS ESTABLISHED.

REVOLUTIONARIES RULE BUDAPEST.

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 31.

The Berliner Tagblatt announces great demonstrations in Budapest and Vienna. The crowds in Vienna shouted "down with the Hapsburgs."

The fall of the Lammash Cabinet is expected. The army is in full dissolution. A Provisional Council of Soldiers and Officers has been established.

At Budapest revolutionary troops, demanding a Republic, govern the whole town.

HUNGARIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 1.

Count Karolyi, above the signature of "President of the Hungarian National Council," has sent a message to the Berliner Tagblatt, saying "Revolution has broken out in Budapest and the National Council has taken over the Government. The military and police completely acknowledge the Council. The inhabitants are rejoicing."

EMPEROR KARL GOES WITH CROWN JEWELS.

TURMOIL IN VIENNA.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

A message from Copenhagen states that Vienna is in turmoil. The mob is indulging in excesses. The city is foodless. The National Council has assumed control, but has agreed to the establishment of a Soldiers' and Workmen's Council.

Revolutionary marines in Pola mastered the warships, which were placed at the disposal of Hungary and the South-Slavonians.

The Emperor Karl, on leaving Vienna, took sixteen railway wagons of furniture and food and also a quantity of money and the Crown jewels.

COUNT TISZA ASSASSINATED.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 1.

Count Tisza, the ex-Premier of Hungary, has been assassinated in Budapest by a soldier.

Count Tisza had long been known as the most resolute conservative in Hungary, and was vehemently opposed to the extension of the franchise and similar reforms. He strongly supported the alliance with Germany.

GERMAN-AUSTRIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL.

TRANSMITS NOTE TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

PARIS, Oct. 31.

A message from Bern states that the German-Austrian National Council is transmitting a Note to President Wilson, notifying him of the creation of a German-Austrian State and claiming all Austrian territory in which Germans predominate, including Moravia and Silesia.

The Note asks for admittance to the peace negotiations, unreservedly admitting President Wilson's principles and recognizing the independence of the Jug-Slavs and the Czech-Slovaks. It appeals for the right of self-determination and an immediate armistice.

GOVERNMENT OF GERMAN AUSTRIA.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 1.

A message from Vienna states that the State Council has issued a proclamation announcing the assumption of the government of German Austria. It urges the maintenance of peace and promises to protect national minorities. It expects reciprocal protection in the Slav territories and declares peace will be concluded in accord with the German Empire.

RAILWAY SERVICE TO AUSTRIA FROM BERLIN STOPPED.

TRAINS HELD UP BY CZECHS.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 1.

Railway traffic from Berlin to Saxony to Austria has been stopped. The Czechs have held up the oil trains bound for Germany, seized the cargo and dismantled the escort. Food trains to Vienna and Germany have also been held up.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.

AMALGAMATION WITH SERBIA.

PARIS, Nov. 1.

A message from Zurich states that the Bosnian National Council, at its meeting at Sarajevo on October 31st, proclaimed the amalgamation of Bosnia and Herzegovina with the Kingdom of Serbia.

The crowds freed those who had been imprisoned in connection with the murder of Archduke Francis Ferdinand.

PANIC IN THE RHINE PROVINCES.

RUMOURS REGARDING COLOGNE AND COBLENZ.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 1.

The Tagliche Rundschau states that a panic has broken out among the population of the Rhine Provinces as well-informed people declare that the Government is prepared, if necessary, to allow enemy troops to occupy Cologne and Coblenz.

The statement is confirmed by the Cologne Gazette.

FINNISH ARMY COMMANDER TO VISIT ENGLAND.

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 1.

General Mannerheim, ex-Commander of the Finnish Army, is going to England.

ARMISTICE WITH TURKEY.

FULL TEXT PUBLISHED.

IMMEDIATE DEMOBILISATION AMONG THE CONDITIONS.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The Press Bureau publishes the text of the conditions of the Armistice with Turkey.

The first three Articles and the sixth, seventh and eighth provide for the opening of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, access to and command of the Black Sea, the surrender of the Turkish warships, and the occupation of any strategic points in the event of a situation arising threatening the security of the Allies.



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threatening the security of the Allies.

Article IV provides that all Allied prisoners and Armenian interned civilians will be collected at Constantinople and handed over unconditionally to the Allies.

Article V mentions the immediate demobilisation of the Army except these maintaining order. Their number and disposal will be determined later by the Allies after consultation with the Turkish Government.

Article X provides for the Allied occupation of the Taurus tunnel system.

Article XI lays down the withdrawal of Turkish troops from North-Western Persia and part of Trans-Caucasia already ordered to be evacuated, the remainder to be evacuated if the Allies require, after a study of the situation there.

Article XII provides that the wireless and cable stations be under the Allied control, Turkish Government messages excepted.

Article XV provides for the Allied control of all railways and the Allied occupation of Batoum. Turkey will not object to the Allied occupation of Baku.

Article XVI requires the surrender of the garrisons in the Hedjaz, Assyria, Yemen, Syria and Mesopotamia and the withdrawal of troops from Cilicia, except those maintaining order, as determined under Clause V.

XVII—Turkey to surrender all Turkish officers in Tripolitania and Cyrenaica to the Italians.

XVIII—The surrender of all ports there.

XIX—All Germans and Austrians, naval, military and civilian, to quit Turkey within a month, to quit in remote districts as soon as possible thereafter.

XX—Compliance with the Allied orders as to the disposal of arms and the transport of demobilised troops as under Clause V.

XXI—An Allied representative to be attached to the Turkish Ministry of Supplies to safeguard Allied interests.

XXII—Turkish prisoners to be kept at the disposal of the Allies; the release of Turkish civilian prisoners and prisoners over military age to be considered.

XXIII—Turkey to cease all relations with the Central Powers.

XXIV—In case of disorder in the six Armenian vilayets the Allies to reserve the right to occupy any of them.

LOUD CHEERING IN PARIS CHAMBER.

DEATH KNELL OF GERMAN EMPIRE SOUNDED.

PARIS, Nov. 1.

Afternoon the President of the Chamber of Deputies, having announced that the Minister

Marine was about to make a communication, M. Leygues entered the Tribune, stating that the Armistice with Turkey was signed on Wednesday night and came into operation on Thursday noon, the terms including the free passage of Allied fleets through the Bosphorus to the Black Sea, the occupation of forts in the Dardanelles, and the immediate repatriation of all Allied prisoners of war.

When M. Leygues concluded his sentence referring to the passage through the Dardanelles there was an outbreak of applause, every member of the Chamber standing up, the cheering lasting several minutes.

The general opinion is that the fact the Government has made the declaration from the Tribune is indicated as a beginning of the end, the capitulation of Turkey sounding the death-knell of the German Empire.

Opinion in Paris on the surrender of Turkey is that it will bring vast consequences. The Allied fleet will pass the Dardanelles proceeding to Constantinople. When the Allies reach the Black Sea they will possibly aid the Russian forces in restoring the Bolsheviks. Turkey's collapse revolutionises the entire position in Russia and the Near East.

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TELEGRAMS.

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FLANDERS OFFENSIVE.

ALLIED ATTACKS BEARING FRUIT.

HASTY ENEMY RETREAT TOWARDS GHENT.

London, Nov. 3. A British communiqué from the Belgian Front states:— The attacks by the Second British Army and a Franco-American Army on October 31st and November 1st bore fruit to-day.

Pressed by the Belgian Army and the left of the French Army, the enemy was forced to retreat hastily in the direction of Ghent and the Nieuwenan Canal.

At the end of the day the French and Belgians reached the line of Esclouwerschoote-Lieve Canal, and farther south, as far as Seeverghem, they reached four kilometers from the outskirts of Ghent.

The left bank of the Scheldt was occupied from the north to Somergem.

Allied aviators throughout maintained the mastery of the air. The results obtained by British aviators are particularly remarkable.

HARD FIGHTING BEYOND VALENCIENNES.

BRITISH MAKE GOOD PROGRESS.

London, Nov. 3.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:— There has been determined fighting all day south and east of Valenciennes.

We made good progress north-east of Valenciennes and east and north of Preseau, capturing the hamlet of St. Hubert and farms in the vicinity.

Eastward of Valenciennes we captured Marly village and our advanced troops entered St. Saulve.

In the course of these operations we captured two Tanks which the enemy had used in his unsuccessful counter-attacks on the 1st inst. and we took several hundred prisoners. We advanced our line and captured prisoners in a successful minor operation westward of Landrevies.

Reporting on aviation the Commander-in-Chief says:—

We dropped 14½ tons of bombs. Many direct hits were observed on railways. We shot down 13 enemy aeroplanes and drove down seven out of control. Ten British machines are missing.

BRITISH ADVANCE EAST OF VALENCIENNES.

5,000 PRISONERS IN TWO DAYS.

London, Nov. 3.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We captured on the 2nd inst. the steel works south-east of Valenciennes, which the enemy determinedly defended throughout the day.

We advanced our line 1½ miles east of the town and completed the capture of St. Saulve.

We took in two days 5,000 prisoners and also four Tanks and a few guns.

BELGIANS CROSS THE DERIVATION CANAL.

London, Nov. 3.

A Belgian communiqué of the 2nd inst. states:—

As a result of the fighting during the last few days, the enemy this morning abandoned his positions on the Derivation Canal which we crossed at dawn.

North of the Bruges-Ghent Canal we occupy Ebbloem, and Weischoot and carried our line to the Lieve Canal.

Between the Bruges-Ghent Canal and Lys we advanced beyond Meerendree, Ooverspoucke, Baerveld, Broude and Balre.

DUTCH SOLDIERS DISCONTENTED.

POLICE CALLED OUT.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 3.

As a result of discontentment, owing to the suspension of leave hundreds of Dutch soldiers at Flushing smashed the windows of the residence of the Commander Wolcher and of the officers' club. The police with drawn sabres and bayonets held the soldiers at bay and dispersed the demonstrators.

THE FRENCH FRONT.

ENEMY FORCED TO RETREAT THROUGH ARGONNE FOREST.

HUGE MATERIAL ABANDONED.

London, Nov. 3.

A French communiqué states:— The vigorous attacks of the Fourth Army on the Aisne front, combined with the victorious American effort between Argonne and the Meuse, compelled the enemy to retreat through the Argonne forest. His rearwards resisted desperately, but were unable to arrest the advance.

Our left occupied the southern bank of Ardennes Canal for two kilometers between Semuy and Neuville-et-Duy.

Further south we captured Vetydu Woods and the Bailly village, and reached the outskirts of Alloux, despite very fierce resistance.

Our right captured Longueuil and Pimais and passed Chenepate.

We are vigorously pursuing the enemy despite the serious obstacle of the Argonne Forest. The enemy is abandoning huge material, and hundreds of prisoners have been captured.

Despite a dense fog on the whole front our aviators were very active. In two of their reconnaissances they pushed 75 miles in the rear of the enemy, exploring the province of Namur.

As great activity of troops and convoys was reported in the enemy rear opposite the Argonne front, 148 bombing planes, in successive groups, protected by 120 fighting planes, dropped 40 tons of explosives and fired thousands of cartridges causing panic and dispersing enemy concentrations. Seventeen German aeroplanes were brought down. Twenty-one tons of bombs were dropped on enemy stations at night.

THE AMERICAN FRONT.

AMERICANS CAPTURE SIX TOWNS.

COMPLETE BAVARIAN BATTERY TAKEN.

London, Nov. 3.

An American communiqué states:— The First Army continued to advance, overcoming all resistance and capturing, among others, the towns of Champignoulles, Mont Homme, Verenal, Buzancy, Villers-devant-Dun and Clercy-le-Petit. Our prisoners now exceed 4,000, including four Battalion Commanders with their staffs.

The enemy abandoned huge quantities of material. Sixty-three guns and hundreds of machine-guns were captured.

A complete Bavarian battery was captured, with its personnel and horses.

GERMAN REPORTS.

London, Nov. 3.

A wireless German official report states:—

We withdrew south of Deynze behind the Scheldt. We evacuated Valenciennes.

The enemy near Vongy advanced to the heights on the eastern bank of the Aisne and obtained a footing at Fuhaise.

The Americans gained territory on both sides of Bayonville.

A German evening report states:— The English south of Valenciennes and the Americans west of the Meuse gained local territory.

London, Nov. 3.

A German official message by wireless states:—

We have withdrawn from the junction of the Lys and Scheldt to Ghent. The English pressed us back to Sautelaen, recapturing Preseau.

Owing to the American break through we withdrew between the Aisne and Champagneulle.

ALLIED CAPTURES IN THE WEST.

362,345 PRISONERS AND 48,748 GUNS IN 8 MONTHS.

118,343 PRISONERS AND 16,898 GUNS IN OCTOBER.

PARIS, Nov. 3.

Since July 18th the Allies had taken prisoner 7,900 officers and 854,365 men, and had captured 6,217 guns, 88,822 machine-guns and 8,907 mine-throwers.

Of these, 2,472 officers and 108,872 men, 2,064 guns, 19,690 machine-guns and 1,088 mine-throwers were captured in October.

GERMANY AND PEACE.

THE PEOPLE'S DEMAND FOR PEACE.

FORMATION OF GERMAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC ADVOCATED.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 3.

The whole of the German Press, discussing the Kaiser's position, published inspired statements that he intends to issue a decree assenting to internal political changes.

A meeting of the Progressive Party at Munich passed a resolution demanding the Kaiser's abdication.

The *Neuer Zeitung* reports that a crowd of thousands demonstrated near the Palace at Stuttgart, demanding the abdication of the Kaiser and the formation of a German Socialist Republic. The police dispersed them with difficulty.

A meeting at Berlin of the banking, commercial and industrial representatives passed a resolution urging the Government to accept the Entente's armistice terms as it is impossible to expect the war situation to improve.

RUMOURS OF KAISER'S ABDICATION.

SHOULD BE RECEIVED WITH GREAT SUSPICION.

London, Nov. 3.

Reuter's Agency is informed by the Foreign Office that the rumours of the abdication of the Kaiser should be received with the greatest suspicion.

MOST REICHTAG PARTIES NOW OPPOSE ABDICATION.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 3.

It appears that in order to maintain the unity of the German Empire most of the Reichstag Parties now oppose the abdication of the Kaiser. Some of the Socialists are protesting against Herr Scheidemann's demand for the Kaiser's abdication.

MR. ASQUITH ON PEACE.

VICTORY MUST BE DECISIVE.

London, Nov. 2.

Mr. Asquith, speaking at Cupar, said: "Matters have reached a stage at which victory must be decisive if peace is to be secured. All our sacrifices have been thrown away if we acquiesce in any-thing less than a peace which decides permanently on the crushing of the present enemies' aggressive ambition and renders the recurrence of such a war impossible, by striking at the very root of the causes of the war. The League of Nations must be attained, but, if it is to exist in a practical sense, then no country can participate in partnership if its Government is based on Autocracy."

PEACE CONFERENCE.

A FRENCH SUGGESTION.

PARIS, Nov. 3.

The *Temps* suggests that the Peace Conference should be held at Versailles.

WAR-RISKS INSURANCE RATES.

REDUCED TO NOMINAL FOR DISTANT VOYAGES.

LONDON, Nov. 4.

Lloyd's war-risks insurance rates have been reduced to a nominal figure for voyages in more distant parts and by 50 to 25 per cent. for other voyages.

SERBIANS OCCUPY BELGRADE.

PARIS, Nov. 3.

The Serbians have occupied Belgrade.

London, Nov. 3.

A French Eastern communiqué states:—

The Serbians reached the Danube on October 30th between Semendria and Belgrade and occupied Belgrade on November 1st, when the Commander of the First Serbian Army solemnly entered the city.

THE ADVANCE IN MONTE-NEGRO.

The Jugo-Slav forces in Monte-negro are nearing Polgortza.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.

It may be impossible to prevent accidents, but it is not possible to prevent them from being reported.

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SHOCKING ACCIDENT IN BROOKLYN SUB-WAY.

88 KILLED AND 200 INJURED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.

Eighty-five persons were killed and 200 injured by a subway train at Brooklyn jumping the rail. The first carriage was smashed to fragments and others caught fire.

THE SILVER MARKET.

THE WEEKLY REPORT.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

Messrs. Samuel, Montagu & Co. in their weekly Silver Report state: The Market continues quiet and the tone is sound.

There is no fresh movement in the Shanghai exchange.

The Silver Market is quiet.

AIR-RAID ON NANCY.

SEVERE DAMAGE CAUSED.

PARIS, Nov. 3.

German aeroplanes bombed Nancy on the evening of October 31st, causing civilian casualties and severe damage.

PRAGUE MILITARY COMMANDER ARRESTED.

A COUP D'ETAT THAT FAILED.

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ANARCHY IN TURKEY.

THE HAGUE, Nov. 3.

It is reported that anarchy prevails in Constantinople and the whole of Turkey. Hundreds of thousands of deserters live on robbery.

AUSTRIAN ARMISTICE.

REJOICINGS IN HUNGARY.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 3.

A message from Budapest says:— The Military and Naval Commands and Civil Servants are taking an oath of allegiance to the National Council. The Council is urging the people to resume work and aid in the return to their barracks.

PREVENTIVE CONDITIONS OF ARMISTICE.

ROME, Nov. 2.

The Inter-Allied Conference at Versailles drew up the Austrian armistice on the conditions which General Diaz communicated to the Austrian envoys. The conditions render the enemy's resumption of the war impossible and also prevent him from profiting by the armistice by extricating himself from the present bad military position.

PREMIER EMPOWERED TO HAND OVER GOVERNMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 2.

A message from Vienna states:— Premier Lamsdorf, representing the Imperial Regime, informs the President of the State Council that he is empowered to hand over the Government within the German-Austrian sphere.

THE SOLDIERS' CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 2.

A message from Vienna says that plans are being drawn up for the formation of a representative Soldiers' Central Committee to replace the present provisional one.

NEW STATES IN THE MAKING.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 2.

The *Forwards* reports that a Constituent Assembly of Austrian Rumanes was formed on the 28th ult. and demanded union of Bukovina, Transylvania and Rumanian territories with Hungary as an independent State.

Polish deputies in the Reichstag announced the union of Austro-Hungarian Polish territories with the Polish State. A Liquidation Commission has been established at Lemberg to arrange for this.

A message from Agram says the Croatian Diet has declared the absolute independence of Croatia and Dalmatia.

EXCITEMENT IN RUMANIA.

LONDON, Nov. 2.

News from Jassy show the great excitement in Rumania over the recent events.

The King held numerous conferences with leaders of the Government and also the ex-Premier, M. Bratianu.

There are indications of interesting developments.

BRITISH CAPTURES FOR THREE MONTHS.

172,659 PRISONERS AND NEARLY 20,000 GUNS.

LONDON, Nov. 2.

The British during October took 49,000 prisoners in France, including 1,200 officers. We also captured 925 guns, 7,000 machine-guns and 670 trench mortars. In the arm of the enemy's retreat enormous stocks of ammunition, material and stores have fallen into our hands, including several locomotives, quantities of rolling stock, many wagons, a few Tanks, hundreds of tons of wire, several thousands of miles of telephone cable and a great number of engineer and other dumps.

The enemy abandoned on the front of one army alone some two million feet of timber.

The British in a series of successful battles during the last three months have taken 172,659 prisoners and captured 2,378 guns, 17,000 machine-guns and 2,750 trench mortars.

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THE AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

Hopes for one of the largest cotton crops in the country's history, again engineering with the issue of the Government's September report of condition, says an American paper. As the result of a severe drought in July and August it is declared that the production this year will not exceed 11,157,000 bales, or 4,625,000 bales less than was forecast at the beginning of the season. The average planted this year was the second largest on record. Drought during July reduced the crop by 1,818,000 bales, and dry weather in August caused the greatest deterioration ever recorded in a single month, there being a decline of 77.9 points in the condition on August 25, as compared with July 25. The increase of yield per acre, 145 pounds, is smaller than any yield ever reported. Total production, however, because of the large area planted, will be, but slightly smaller than the last three crops.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER 1918

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REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS close 15 minutes before the time given below unless otherwise indicated.

	FOR	PER	DATE
	Java and Port Moresby via Batavia	Toyo Maru	Tues. 5th, 8.00 A.M.
	Swatow and *Bangkok	Childar	Tues. 5th, 10.00 A.M.
	Formosa via Takao and Keelung	Toyen Maru	Tues. 5th, 10.00 A.M.
	*Shanghai and *North China	Sinkiang	Tues. 5th, 10.00 A.M.
	Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe, Honolulu, United States, Central and South America, and Europe via San Francisco	Korea Maru	Tuesday, 5th, 9.45 A.M. Reg. Letters 10.30 A.M.
	Welbairer, Chefoo and Tientsin	Chipsing	Tues. 5th, 5.00 P.M.
	Pakhoi	Alcorne	Tues. 5th, 5.00 P.M.
	Haiphong	Taksang	Tues. 5th, 5.00 P.M.
	Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe, Honolulu, United States, Central and South America, and Europe via San Francisco	Ecuador	Wednesday, 6th, Registration 9.15 A.M. Letters, 10.00 A.M.
	*Straits and *Bangkok	Van Waerwijck	Wed. 6th, 10.00 A.M.
	Tientsin	Kueichow	Wed. 6th, 10.00 A.M.
	Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Suez		Wednesday, 6th, Registration 9.45 A.M. Letters 10.30 A.M.
	The Parcel Mail will be closed on Tuesday, 5th November, at 3 p.m.		
	Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Wed. 6th, 1.00 P.M.
	Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao	Sosho Maru	Thurs. 7th, 8.00 A.M.
	Sandakan	Mausang	Thurs. 7th, 11.00 A.M.
	Straits and Bangkok	Tamoni Maru No.1	Thurs. 7th, 3.00 P.M.
	Shanghai and North China	Suiyang	Thurs. 7th, 5.00 P.M.
	Java and Port Moresby via Batavia	Soerakarta	Fri. 8th, 9.00 A.M.
	Japan via Moji, Honolulu, Hilo, *Los Angeles, *Saina Cruz, *Balboa, *Lima, *Callao, *Mollendq, *Arica, *Iquique, and *Valparaiso	Nippon Maru	Fri. 8th, 11.00 A.M.
	Philippine Islands	Yuenang	Fri. 8th, 2.00 P.M.
	Java, Batavia and Port Moresby via Batavia	Tjilatjap	Sat. 9th, 11.00 A.M.
	Shanghai and North China	Singan	Sun. 12th, 11.00 A.M.
	Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haibong	Sun. 12th, 1.00 P.M.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE MARKET.

... \$87 n. Bukit Kepong (32) ...

Indo-Chinas (Pref.)...	\$29 b. x. d.		
Do. (Def.)...	\$158 b. x. d.		
Shell Transports...	129/- b.		
Star Express	239 b.		
Bukit Timah (\$10)		0.50	0.80
Changkat S'iang (\$5)		6.50	7.00
Glenealy P'ins. (\$1)		1.70	1.85
Haytor (\$5)		7.50	8.00

g Hotels	\$80 n.	Part Persk (\$1)
g Lands	\$97 n.	

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